



TOWN OF RISING SUN
MAYOR & COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Let it be remembered that the Mayor and Board of Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, held a Town Meeting on the 3rd floor of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening August 23, 2011. For the record the meeting place and time were duly posted as required.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE: Mayor Thomas S. Mumey, Commissioner August Pierson
Commissioner Chris Callahan, Commissioner Joanne Osborne,

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Stephen Naughton

STAFF/CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Town Administrator Calvin A Bonenberger, Jr.
Town Clerk Rhonda Harmison

GUESTS: See Attached List

MEETING OPENING – The meeting was called to order at 7 : 00 PM by Mayor Thomas S. Mumey, followed by a pledge of allegiance and a moment of silence.

Mayor Mumey shared his experience with everyone about the 5.8 earthquake that the Town experienced today. He reported that he and the Town Administrator toured the Town to make sure there was no damage, checking several critical areas of concern and found everything to be ok. Mayor Mumey reported that damage has been reported in the Baltimore and Washington DC area.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Mayor Mumey asked for any corrections to the August 9th Town meeting minutes. Commissioner Pierson motioned seconded by Commissioner Callahan to approve the August 9, 2011 Town meeting minutes as written. Motion passed 3-0 for approval.

Mayor Mumey asked for any corrections to the August 9, 2011 Town of Rising Sun Public Hearing regarding the traffic flow on Mount St. Commissioner Pierson motioned seconded by Commissioner Callahan to approve the minutes for the August 9, 2011 Public Hearing. Motioned passed 3-0 for approval.

PRESENTATIONS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS – None

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Mumey read a letter from the Rising Sun Tiger football team, asking for membership donation on three different levels. Mayor Mumey presented the pledge request of \$100.00 to the Board for approval. Commissioner Osborne presented concerns about the High School



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not being in the Town limits and concerns about the Town not being able to afford a donation. Commissioner Osborne stated that if individuals wanted to donate they are more than welcome to give. After lengthy discussion about whether the Town could afford the donation and if the High School or any organizations outside of Town limits, in their behalf, asking for donations should be considered.

Commissioner Pierson motioned that the Town donate \$100.00 to the Rising Sun High School Tiger Booster Club seconded by Commissioner Callahan. Mr. Bonenberger reminded the Mayor and Commissioners that having a board member absent, meant the vote must be unanimous in order to carry the motion. Mayor Mumey called for a vote. Commissioner Callahan and Commissioner Pierson voted in favor, Commissioner Osborne voted against, motion failed.

Mayor Mumey also reported on a letter he received in reference to the Boys and Girls Club sponsorship dinner, held at the Mount Harmon plantation. Commissioner Pierson asked if the Town donates to the Boys and Girls Club. Mayor Mumey answered yes.

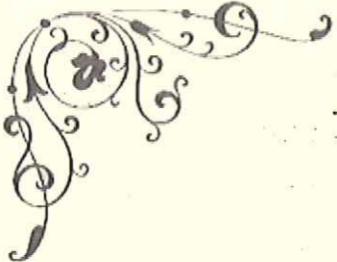
Mayor Mumey reported that he will be attending a Mayors meeting on the 29th of this month in reference to Planned Maryland. He stated that Cecil County went on record opposing the plan and a meeting will be held with all the Towns to gain support and to determine any action that the Towns want to take.

FINANCES – Ms. Patricia Wagner presented the end of year financial report, stating that the net change at the end of a twelve month period for the Proprietary and Governmental funds for the Town of Rising Sun was in the black and that the Town has a positive cash flow and that all funds were relatively stable. Ms. Wagner reminded everyone that she is available anytime for any questions.

SEWER AND WATER REPORT – Commissioner Pierson reported the Town had received a fine of \$5,900.00 from the Maryland Department of the Environment. He further thanked Mr. Fisher, in the audience for raising MDE's interest in the Town, by protesting the Towns plans to fix the sewer plant, resulting in the fine being higher than what we have received in the past.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS REPORT – Commissioner Callahan reported that Saturday September 10, 2011 will be the day that Mount St will change to one-way traffic. Commissioner Callahan also reminded everyone that school is back in session and everyone should try to keep the sidewalks clear of debris for the children to walk on.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief Peterson reported on questions that were raised at the last meeting about the Maple Heights and Maple Ridge wooded area behind the bank near Main Street. Chief Peterson



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reported that the area is a buffer required between the commercial and residential areas and at this time, is not a public safety matter, but maybe a homeowner's association matter.

PARKS AND RECREATION – Commissioner Osborne reported that she is still researching prices for the Log Cabin project, and reporting that the handicap toilet at the park has a broken door. Commissioner Osborne also reported that at the pond park a bench is in need of repair. Mr. Bonenberger replied that he has spoken to Ron Thomas and he is aware and will be repairing the bench. Ms. Osborne asked Mr. Bonenberger if he has met with the person that requested a dedication for a park bench. Mr. Bonenberger replied that two meetings were set up, and both were cancelled by the requestor.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Mr. Bonenberger reported on a follow up on the emergency power shut off for the Town building, reporting that there is a main panel with a main breaker that controls three sub panels, reporting that the sub-panels also have main breakers. Mr. Bonenberger also reported that the Town has been promoting Knox Boxes to businesses in Town explaining that a Knox Box is a box that holds keys for entry into businesses for emergency purposes, and suggested that the Town should also have one.

PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD – Mr. Bonenberger reported that the next meeting is scheduled for next Monday August 29th at 7:00 PM.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – Mr. Bonenberger reported on the abandoned vehicle draft that was presented for the Town's review stating that the Town is receiving more complaints about quality of life issues in reference to how people are keeping their properties. Mr. Bonenberger reported that in the Spring Meadow community there are "less than desirable" properties, stating presence of possible illegal business, overgrown yards and abandoned vehicles that are bringing the area down.

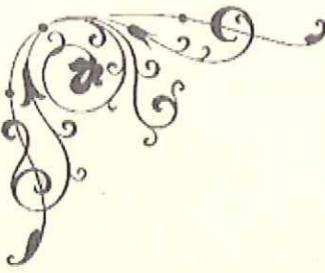
Mayor Mumey also reported that he has been approached by residents on quality of life issues and stated that the Town will be addressing these issues.

CODE ENFORCEMENT – Commissioner Callahan reported about Town businesses that are selling a legal drug known as Bath Salts. Mayor Mumey reported that as of September 1, 2011 a new state law will go into effect making Bath Salts illegal for business to sell.

HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMISSION – No Report.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None



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CITIZEN'S INPUT – Ms. Ensley asked the board about the new Halloween store coming into the old Martins store, stating that she was under the impression that the store could not be rented because no water was available to that store because of the water moratorium. Mr. Bonenberger replied that in accordance to the previous legal agreement between the Town and the Martins developer the old Martins store is still part of the new Martins complex, therefore residual excess water allocation that was allocated for the new Martins, can be used throughout the complex, to include the old Martins store.

ADJOURNMENT – With no other business before the board a motion was made by Commissioner Stephen Naughton to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8: 02 PM.

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison,
Town Clerk

Motion to approve the minutes made by Commissioner August Pierson, seconded by
Commissioner Joanne Osborne at the September 13, 2011 Town Meeting

Motion Passed 4 to 0



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DECLARATION AND VERIFICATION OF AUTHENTICITY

I, Rhonda Harmison Town Clerk for the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing minutes are a true, perfect and complete copy of the Minutes adopted by the Mayor and Commissioners of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland, and is identical to the original thereof appearing in the official records of the Town of Rising Sun, Maryland and the same has not, since its adoption, been rescinded or amended in any respect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have affixed the seal of the Town of Rising Sun as of this 13th day of September 2011.

Respectfully submitted



Rhonda Harmison
Town Clerk

CERTIFICATE & TOWN SEAL

(STATE OF MARYLAND)

(COUNTY OF CECIL)

(TOWN OF RISING SUN)